

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

1. Does your NHS Trust organise, pay for and carry out public health funerals for people who die in the trust's care and who don't have the financial means or family/friends to arrange it? [Yes](#)

2. If no, which local council you refer public health funeral deaths to? [N/A](#)

3. If yes, please supply the following information (please see the [attached spreadsheet I have put together to help you collate the data](#)):

a) How many public health funerals has your NHS Trust carried out each year for these financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/2019?  
[Please see attached excel spreadsheet](#)

b) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were male and how many of those men had next of kin and how many of those men did not have next of kin?  
[Please see attached excel spreadsheet](#)

c) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were female and how many of those women had next of kin and how many of those women did not have next of kin?  
[Please see attached excel spreadsheet](#)

d) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were aged under 18, aged 18-59 or aged 60+  
[Please see attached excel spreadsheet](#)

e) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were cremated, how many were buried in a grave of their own and how many were buried in a shared or communal grave (if that's applicable).  
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f) Please state, the net cost to the NHS Trust for all financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/2019?  
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**BBC FOI: PUBLIC HEALTH FUNERALS for: Essex Partnership University Hospital Trust NHS TRUST**

	TOTAL NUMBER	GENDER BREAKDOWN						AGE BREAKDOWN			CREMATED OR BURIED			NET COST
	per annum	MALE			FEMALE									
		Total MEN	Men WITH Next Of Kin	Men WITHOUT Next Of Kin	Total WOMEN	Women WITH Next Of Kin	Women WITHOUT Next Of Kin	Total Age 0-17	Total Age 18-59	Total Age 60+	Cremated	Own Grave	Shared Grave	£'s
FYr 2014 / 2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FYr 2015 / 2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FYr 2016 / 2017	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1358
FYr 2017 / 2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FYr 2018 / 2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1358</b>